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For: **Substituted N'-(Arylcarbonyl)-Benzhydrazides, N'-(Arylcarbonyl)-Benzylidene-hydrazides and Analogs as Activators of Caspases and Inducers of Apoptosis and the Use Thereof**

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2. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 with attached Exhibit 1 (3 pgs.); and
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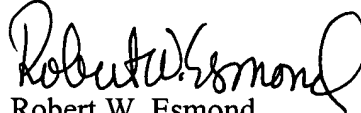
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